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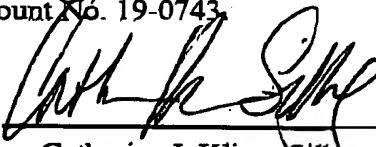
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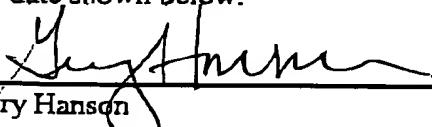
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AMENDMENT & RESPONSE

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Applicant has reviewed the Office Action dated May 16, 2002. Detailed comments to the Office Action are found in the Remarks section below. Amendments to the claims are found in the following Amendments section.

AMENDMENTIN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1 - 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please replace claims 16 - 19, and 23 - 26 with their respective claims in the appendix entitled "Clean Version of the Amended Claims." The replacement claims are intended to reflect the specific amendments as detailed in the following marked up set of claims.

16. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:

a lead body extending from a proximal end to a distal end and having an intermediate portion therebetween, the lead body including two or more coradial individually insulated conductors disposed therein;

the individually insulated coradial conductors including a first conductor and a second conductor, the first conductor comprised of a first material, and the second conductor comprised of a second material, wherein the first material has a different stiffness than the second material; and